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(SBU) Pol/Econ Chief November 14 delivered Ref A demarche  
concerning the re-election of U.S. candidate Michael Matheson  
to the International Law Commission (ILC) to MFA Director for  
International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho  
said that Bahrain had still not made a final decision on who  
among the WEOG candidates it would support but indicated his  
willingness for Bahrain to vote for Mr. Matheson. He noted  
that Bahrain's approach to ILC elections is to ensure that  
representatives from countries with various types of legal  
systems are present so there is a full debate of issues  
before the Commission.

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